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MASONIC.

Tuscumbia, R. A. Chapter No. 87, A. F. & A. M., meet at their hall the Second Saturday after full moon each month.

D. MARSHALL, H. P.

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Tuscumbia Lodge No. 137, A. F. & A. M. meet Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

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AMITY CHAPTER, No. 142, O. E. S. meets in regular communication the 3d Saturday after each full moon, at 7 p.m., in Masonic Hall, Tuscumbia, Mo. Visiting sisters and brethren will be fraternally and cordially welcomed. Mrs. SARAH E. HAUNSTEIN, W. M.

Mrs. LIZZIE JOHNSON, A. M.

MISS MATTIE E. CUNNING, Sec'y.

Pleasant Mt. Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 123, meet at their hall on Saturday evening on or after each full moon.

JAMES JOHNSTON, W. M.

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J. L. CONNER, W. M.

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Tuscumbia, Lodge, 203, I. O. O. F. Hold their regular meetings every Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock p. m.

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Pleasant Mt. Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F. Hold regular meetings 1st & 3d Saturday, at 7 o'clock p. m. Visiting brothers, in good standing, are cordially invited to attend.

JOHN B. CROCKER, N. G.

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Miss Meeker's Story of Her Captivity.

[Chicago Tribune Special.]

ALAMOSA, SAN LUIS PARK, Colo., October 29.—We this morning have had the best possible evidence of the success of Gen. Adam's mission of procuring the release of the captive women and children who have been in the hands of the hostile Indians since the massacre of all the males at the White River Agency on the 28th of September, on the arrival in person of the recent captives, Mrs. Meeker, her daughter Josephine, and Mrs. Price, and her two children have been detained here two days on account of Mrs. Meeker's illness, caused by nervous reaction, after a terrible journey of 500 miles on stages and Indian ponies, bareback and with poor saddle, over mountains and small deserts. During this ordeal she was only half dead in a calico dress and a single shawl, without blanket, and had only bare ground to sleep on in the Indian camps. The party leave for Denver in a day or two, going thence to their home in Greeley.

MISS JOSEPHINE MEEKER was threatened with death, and her escape was narrow. Her story contains the following account:

The first I heard of any trouble with the Indians at my father's Agency was the firing at Mr. Price while he was putting for Indian crops according to Government instructions. The Indians had the idea, and said, that as soon as the land was plowed it would cease to belong to the Utes. Two or three councils were held, and an Indian woman, Jane, the wife of Panvitis, was the cause of the whole trouble.

The trouble seemed settled by two or three councils, secretly however. The Utes were preparing for a massacre, for just before Eridge left with the Indians a runner was seen rushing on to the tent of Douglass with what I since learned was news of soldiers fighting. Half an hour later 20 armed Indians came to the Agency from the camp of Douglass, and began firing.

THE MASSACRE BEGINS.

I was in the kitchen with my mother, washing dishes. It was after noon. I looked out of the window and saw the Utes shooting the boys working on the new building. Mrs. Price was at the door washing clothes. She rushed in and took Johnnie, the baby, to fly. We ran into the milk room, which had only one small window, and locked the door, and hid under a shelf. The firing went on for several hours at intervals. There was no shouting, no noise, but frequent firing. We staid in the milk room until it began to rain.

The sun was half an hour high. I took Mrs. Price, 3 years old, and we all ran to father's room. It was not disturbed. We knew the building would be burned, and ran across Douglass Avenue to a field of sage-brush beyond plowed ground. The Utes were so near standing about goods they did not see us at first. About 30 of them, loaded with blankets, were carrying them toward Douglass camp, near the river.

We had gone 100 yards when the Utes saw us. They threw down the blankets and came running toward us, firing as they came. But they missed us thick as grasshoppers around us. I do not think they intended to kill us only to frighten us. Mother was hit by a bullet, which went through her underclothing, and made a flesh wound three inches long. As the Indians came nearer they shouted, "WE SHOOT; COME TO US."

I had a little girl, and an Indian named Parusse said for me to go with him. He and another Ute seized me by the arms and started for the river. An Uncompahgre Indian took Mrs. Price and her baby, and mother was taken to the headquarters of Douglass.

The Indian Parusse took me where his papas were standing by the river, and seated me on a pile of blankets. Indians were now on all sides. I could not escape. It was now sundown. Packing was finished at dusk, and we started for the wilderness of the south. I rode a horse with saddle, but no bridle. The child was seated behind me. Parusse and his assistant rode each side of me, driving pack mules ahead. About twenty other Indians were in the party. Mother came later, riding bareback behind Douglass, both on one horse. She was 65 years old, feeble in health, wounded, and not recovered from a broken thigh caused by a fall two years ago. Chief Douglass gave her neither horse, saddle, nor blankets. We followed the river, and, on the other side, Parusse brought me a handful of water to drink. We trotted along until 9 o'clock when we halted for a half-hour. All the Indians dismounted, and blankets were spread upon the ground, and I laid down to rest, with mother lying not far from me. Chief Douglass was considerably excited and made speech to me with many gestures and great emphasis. He recited his grievances, and explained why the massacre began. He said Thorburn told the Indians he was going to arrest the chief, who was then to be sent to Ft. Steele, and put them in a calaboose, perhaps hang them.

He said my father had written all the letters to the Denver papers, and circulated them in regular communication the 3d Saturday after each full moon, at 7 p.m., in Masonic Hall, Tuscumbia, Mo. Visiting sisters and brethren will be fraternally and cordially welcomed. Mrs. SARAH E. HAUNSTEIN, W. M.

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